

REMARKS

The claims previously in the case have been replaced by a set of new claims which are believed better to define the invention.

Responsive to the requirement for election of species, from the first group, the connecting body, applicants elect Figures 5A-C.

From the second group, to the clamping element, applicants elect Figures 13A and 13B.

It is believed that claims 30-37, 43, 45 and 46 are readable on the elected species.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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